However, it may be mentioned that his drug has been supplied to one beneficiary viz. Shri J.G. Ramachandani on 22.3.2002.

(b) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

(c) All efforts are made to ensure timely supply of imported drugs, if required, to the CGHS beneficiaries.

Scam in purchase of drugs by the MSO

†2228. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a scam of crores of rupees has been made by the Medical Stores Organization in purchase of drugs;

(b) if so, whether the said organization was purchasing spurious drugs;

(c) if so, the amount involved in the scam, alongwith the quantity of spurious drugs supplied by it; and

(d) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the scam alongwith the details of the action taken against the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No Sir.

(b) The question of purchasing spurious drugs by Medical Stores Organisation does not arise. Every batch of medicine is subjected to test in Government approved laboratory and supply is accpeted only after a receipt of satisfactory test report.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Availability of condoms in rural Areas

2229. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that condoms are not easily available in the rural areas of the country;

(b) whether it is due to this that HIV/AIDS cases are increasing in the country;

(c) whether this shortage of condoms is also one of the reasons for not achieving targets in population control in the country; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make condoms available in all rural areas and in good numbers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. The condoms are made available by the Government of India under National Family Welfare Programme through a vast network of rural health care infrastructure comprising Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub Centres in rural, tribal and hilly areas. A Statement indicating supply of condoms made under free supply scheme to the States during last three years is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) No, Sir. As regards HIV/AIDS there is a separate programme being coordinated by the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) through State AIDS Control Societies. Condoms under Free Supply Scheme as also under Social Marketing Scheme are provided to NACO/State AIDS Control Societies as per their requirement every year.

The National Population Policy, 2000 sees meeting the unmet needs for Family Welfare services including availability of contraceptives under National Family Welfare Programme.

(d) The steps taken to make condoms available in rural areas during past one year are as follows:—

(i) First time during 2001-2002, the Government of India has released Rs. 14.89 crores under Sector Investment Programme of European Commission to the seven States namely Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Bihar to meet the unmet need of condoms to a substantial level.

(ii) The above effort was in addition to the condoms supplied worth Rs. 148 crores during 2001-2002 to all the States and UTs in the country both under free supply scheme and social marketing programme.

(iii) In the 12 districts of three States of Bihar, Orissa and Jharkhand, social marketing project has been launched to strengthen the sale of condoms in rural and semi-urban areas by adopting a Community Based Distribution (CBD) network at village level.

(iv) Another project under Social Marketing Programme is continuing in five districts of Madhya Pradesh to promote sale of condoms by involving the community and enhancing the out-reach in rural and semi-urban areas.

(v) A three-year Social Marketing Programme in collaboration with Government of Andhra Pradesh and funding supporting from European Commision is under implementation since early 2001 with the objectives of promoting the sale of contraceptives in rural areas.

Statement

Free supply condoms supplied to States/UTs.: 1999-00 to 2001-02

(Million Pieces)

State/UTs	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	20.00	35.00	50.00
2. Arunachal Pradesh	0.10	0	0.15
3. Assam	12.00	1.00	7.90
4. Bihar	3.00	18.00	3.00
5. Goa	2.00	0.20	1.00
6. Gujarat	41.00	30.00	60.00
7. Haryana	16.00	5.00	25.00
8. Himachal Pradesh	4.00	3.50	5.50
9. J&K	1.00	1.00	1.65
10. Karnataka	11.50	10.00	20.00
11. Kerala	8.00	3.75	13.00
12. Madhya Pradesh	60.00	100.00	70.00
13. Maharashtra	35.00	27.60	45.00
14. Manipur	0.80	0.27	1.00
15. Meghalya	0	0	0.30
16. Mizoram	0.40	0.20	0.24

1	2	3	4
17. Nagaland	0	0.20	0.20
18. Orissa	15.00	1.28	20.00
19. Punjab	10.80	20.00	18.50
20. Rajasthan	31.40	48.00	60.00
21. Sikkim	0.20	0.20	0.03
22. Tamil Nadu	15.00	25.00	15.00
23. Tripura	0.70	2.50	1.00
24. Uttar Pradesh	125.00	115.00	130.00
25. West Bengal	15.00	60.00	25.00
26. A&N Islands	0.15	0	0.19
27. Chandigarh	1	0.5	1.00
28. D & N Haveli	0	0.02	0.10
29. Daman & Diu	0.20	0.20	0.10
30. Delhi	15.00	2.08	20.00
31. Lakshadweep	0	0	0.80
32. Pondicherry	1.00	0.10	1.00
33. Chhattisgarh	—	—	18.00
34. Jharkhand	—	—	3.50
35. Uttaranchal	—	—	7.00
Total Free Supply	435.75	521.25	615.86
Total sale of Condom under Social Marketing Programme	477.78	465.43	334.23*

*Upto January, 2002